GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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MISUSE OF FUNDS
Das Shri Bhakta Charan

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints on misuse of funds allocated under different flagship programmes in the country in general and Odisha in particular;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government is going to review its policy or initiating stringent guidelines to curb misuse of funds allocated to various flagship programmes; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (d): There have been some complaints regarding misuse of funds in flagship programmes in the country. The complaints received in the Ministries are immediately brought to the notice of concerned State Governments/UTs for necessary action and corrective measures. The Ministries/Departments have set up mechanism for reducing the misuse of funds which inter-alia involves creation of awareness about the schemes; social auditing; setting up appropriate vigilance and monitoring mechanisms; concurrent financial reviews by professional body of auditors and field level monitoring by National Level Monitors (NLMs)in specific instances. The State wise releases of funds as well as monitoring of their utilization by each State, is undertaken by the respective Central Government Ministries / Departments implementing these schemes. The Central Ministries / Departments outline modalities clearly for accounting, fund flow arrangements, financial reporting, internal controls, external audit and procurement procedure etc. of these programmes in the policy guidelines.